

**HIGHLAND REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
STUDY SESSION MINUTES
December 10, 2008**

The Highland Redevelopment Commission ("Commission", "RC") met in Study Session on Wednesday, December 10, 2008 at 6:40 PM in the Council Chambers within the Municipal Building at 3333 Ridge Road, Highland, Indiana. The Study Session was called to order by Vice-President Jim Kessler. The minutes were prepared by Cecile Petro, Redevelopment Director. President Gawlikowski entered at 7:50 PM.

ROLL CALL: Present on silent roll call included Commissioners: Greg Kuzmar, Jim Kessler, Adam Gawlikowski, Brice Johnson, Dominic Noce, and Commissioner from the School Town Lawrence Vassar. Also in attendance were Attorney Carol Green-Fraley and Economic Development Commissioner George VandeWerken.

General Substance of the Study Session

The Commission discussed the **agenda** for the public meeting. No comments were made on the minutes or claims by the members.

The Director presented the Supplement to the Highland Municipal code, Section 214.180: RD-Redevelopment District (Architectural and Design Standards and Guidelines for the Redevelopment Area) to the Commission with an Amendment from Commissioner Kuzmar regarding exterior illumination of buildings and adjacent yards. Discussion ensued.

Commissioners discussed a possible trip to Mishawaka to view a business park development. Further discussion will occur in 2009.

The regularly scheduled Study Session will occur on December 24, 2008. The Commission decided to cancel the Study Session and directed Ms. Petro to contact the media and others who may be interested to inform them that the meeting is cancelled.

The Director informed the Commission about meetings and contacts with developers.

ADJOURNMENT: The Study Session was adjourned at 7:00 PM for the Public Meeting.

**HIGHLAND REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING
December 10, 2008**

The Highland Redevelopment Commission ("Commission", "RC") met in a Public Meeting on December 10, 2008 at 7:04 PM in the Downstairs Conference Room within the Municipal Building at 3333 Ridge Road, Highland, Indiana. Redevelopment Commission President Adam Gawlikowski called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Present on roll call included Redevelopment Commissioners Adam Gawlikowski, Greg Kuzmar, Jim Kessler, Brice Johnson, Dominic Noce, and School Representative, Commissioner Lawrence Vassar. Also in attendance were Attorney Carol Green-Fraley and Economic Development Commissioner George VandeWerken. Taking minutes for the meeting was Redevelopment Director Cecile Petro.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS SESSIONS:

Commissioner Kessler made a motion to accept the minutes as prepared for the Public Meeting and Study Session of November 12, 2008. Commissioner Noce seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5 ayes and 0 nays.**

SPECIAL ORDERS: None

COMMUNICATIONS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve the Supplement to the Highland Municipal Code, Section 214.180: RD-Redevelopment District (Architectural and Design Standards and Guidelines for the Redevelopment Area) with an Amendment on the exterior illumination of buildings and adjacent yards as prepared by Commissioner Kuzmar. Commissioner Noce seconded the motion. **Motion passed 5 ayes and 0 nays.**

ACTION TO PAY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS:

Commissioner Noce made a motion to accept accounts payable claims as presented. Commissioner Kuzmar seconded the motion. **Motion passed 5 ayes and 0 nays.**

BUSINESS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS:

President Gawlikowski thanked the Commissioners for their service for the year and stated that the Commission had achieved many accomplishments during 2008. He also thanked Attorney Carol Green-Fraley, Economic Development Commissioner George VandeWerken, and Director Cecile Petro for their service.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

NEXT MEETING:

The Redevelopment Commission will meet in a Public Meeting on January 14, 2009 with a Study Session before and following the Public Meeting. The next full Study Session will be January 28, 2009 at 6:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Noce made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Kessler seconded the motion. **By a unanimous voice vote the meeting was adjourned at 7:15PM.**

**HIGHLAND REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
STUDY SESSION RECONVENED
December 10, 2008**

The Highland Redevelopment Commission ("Commission", "RC") reconvened at 7:15 PM in the Downstairs Conference Room of the Municipal Building at 3333 Ridge Road, Highland, Indiana.

ROLL CALL: Present on silent roll call included Commissioners: Dominic Noce, Greg Kuzmar, Jim Kessler, Adam Gawlikowski, and Brice Johnson. Also in attendance were Economic Development Commissioner George VandeWerken, Attorney Green-Fraley, and Redevelopment Director Cecile Petro. Attorney Green-Fraley left at 7:30 PM.

General Substance of the Study Session

The Commission reviewed the proposed Goals for 2009. Discussion ensued. The Director will prepare them for the January 2009 Public Meeting agenda.

Director Petro will contact the Heitman group to ask if they would like to make a presentation at our January 28, 2009 Study Session.

Commissioners reviewed the letter sent by SEH regarding projects for the possible economic stimulus package that the federal government may initiate in 2009. The Commission directed Ms. Petro to respond to the letter and outlined several projects that the Commission would like to see accomplished through this initiative.

Adjournment: The Study Session was adjourned by voice vote at 9:00 PM.